Tenders for Computers by DGS&D

3581. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals is not inviting tenders in respect of all the specifications of computers etc. but are inviting tenders of one or two specifications;

(b) if so, the reasons for not inviting tenders in respect of all the specifications;

(c) the steps taken to invite tenders of all specifications in order to give wider choices to the purchasers; and

(d) whether Government are further aware that the prices of computers in DGS&D are more than that in the open market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) There are no standard national or international specifications" for computers. The tender specifications are finalized by DGS&D in Consultative meeting held with representatives of prospective bidders, chipset manufacturers, suppliers of Software, suppliers of peripherals etc. The road map of chipset suppliers is also taken into account. There is specific condition in DGS&D tender enquiry that the firms will offer latest/current models of computer. The technical specifications are generalized to cover latest available products and needs of the user departments. The different configurations for computers and servers are worked out and advertised tender enquiry is floated to invite offers with competitive prices.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) This is already being done.

(d) DGS&D concluded the rate contracts on the basis of competitive bids against advertised tender enquiry. DGS&D prices would not be higher than open market prices for the identical products and terms and conditions. The DGS&D rate contracts provide for 'Price Fall Clause' which entitles DGS&D to enforce lower rate in case R/C holders sell or even offer to sell at prices lower than DGS&D R/C prices.